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**TOWN OF VERNON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS. 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
14 PARK PLACE  
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad, H. Russell Kunz

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Scott Wieting.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Acceptance of Minutes of October 18, 2010**

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to accept the minutes to the October 18, 2010 meeting.  
Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Communications**

Communications received not related to the agenda.

**Scott Wieting asked that the agenda be changed to move #11 Vernal Pools to 2B.1.**

Guest, Sheryl McMullen, attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Vernal Pools program. Sheryl presented prior procedures which included aerial maps (normally taken in winter or early spring), made by Soil Scientist, Ed Pollack. Ed's work included reviewing photos, field work and preparing the final report. Permission letters were sent to all landowners in advance. The landowners that did not respond were phoned and explained the importance of vernal pools. Sheryl suggested the Commission focus on Valley Falls and Rambling Ridge area and recommended the Conservation Commission alert other town commissions of Vernal Pools when an application is received for construction.

**C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC application**

PZ-2010-19: Stavens Resubdivision, Lake Street

1. Memorandum from Leonard Tundermann to the PZC, dated 10-28-10
2. Conservation Easement Options #1 and #2 offered by the applicant.

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to have Thomas Ouellette write a letter to the Planning Dept. to be presented to the PZC in support of the 20% option and other concerns. Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

Letter dated October 1, 2010 to the PZC regarding proposed Amendments to Zoning Regulations for Exit 67 PDZ.

### **3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to have Ryan Goad write a letter to Plainmetrics regarding the Commissions concerns regarding Exit 67 and the conflicting concerns in Booklet #4 where the plan mentioned preserving the area due to it's environmental sensitivity versus Booklet #6 where the plan encouraged responsible development. Motion was seconded by Scott Wieting. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION**

Thomas Ouellette will be the contact for the Conservation Commission for this project.

### **5. AQUATIC INVASIVES**

Thomas Ouellette is working on developing a town-wide management plan. Middle Bolton Lake has problems with Naiad (najas guadalupensis). The recommended treatment for Naiad is a contact herbicide which will be used as treatment in the spring. A follow up survey will be done in June to review the success of this treatment. Lower Bolton Lake has problems with fanwort and milfoil. There is no urgency to treat the fanwort this year. Suction harvesting may be the best and most economical treatment next year. Follow up surveys will be done in both ponds next year.

### **6. BOLTON LAKES ERT**

No Action at this time

### **7. SCENIC ROADS**

No Action at this time

## **8. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Scott Wieting will contact Aaron Nash to add Sheryl McMullen's power point presentation on Vernal Pools to the Conservation Commission's web site.

Environment Resource has now been added.

## **9. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION**

No Action at this time

## **10. OPEN SPACE PROCESS**

No Action at this time

## **11. OTHER GOALS**

Dave Buckley, DEP park Supervisor contacted Scott Wieting by email regarding connecting the trail to Bolton Notch State Park. Fall will be a good time to meet trail needs.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary